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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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			Application Number: 10/560,225		1	Filed: December 12, 2005	
			For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD				
			Group Art Unit: 1725 Confirm. No: 2697			: Lynne	Renee Edmondson
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.							
The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):							
	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))						\$120.00
	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))						\$450.00
X	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))						<u>\$1,020.00</u>
	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))						\$1,590.00
	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))						\$2,160.00
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is:						
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X	Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached (\$1,120.00).						
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<u>X</u>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 500.45682X00).						
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<u>I am the</u>		Applicant/inventor					_
		assignee of record	of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71				
		Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)					
<u>X</u> <u>attorney or agent or agen</u>			of record				
	$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}$ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34						
28,565 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a)							
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June 12, 2007			/William I. Solomon/				<i>.</i> /
_		Date	Signature <b>William I. Solomon</b>				

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